

Shanghai Partner Don Williams Joins Sheppard Mullin

Emerging Company, Venture Capital, Capital Markets, Mid-Market M&A Expert Expands China and Silicon Valley Practices

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Don S. Williams has joined the Shanghai office of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as a partner in the firm's Corporate practice group. Williams most recently practiced with Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in Shanghai, after spending more than a decade with the firm's Silicon Valley office.

Williams' practice encompasses a broad range of general corporate and transactional matters, including venture capital and private equity financings, public offerings, and mergers and acquisitions. He has represented private and public companies across many industries in connection with public offerings, venture and private equity funds in connection with portfolio investments, as well as both buyers and sellers in a large number of M&A transactions. A Mandarin speaker, Williams works with both U.S. companies conducting business and raising funds in Asia and Asian companies conducting business and raising funds in the United States.

"Don is a top-notch transactional attorney and an excellent fit with both our Corporate practice group and Shanghai office. His twenty years of investment and capital markets practice straddles both Asia and Silicon Valley, with expertise in venture capital and private equity financings, public offerings and mid-market M&A deals that dovetails well with our China practice as well as firmwide," said Guy N. Halgren, chairman of the firm.

Commented Williams, "I am thrilled to be joining Sheppard Mullin, a top-notch firm with an impressive Corporate practice group that provides me with an excellent platform. The firm's collegial culture and dedication to teamwork is very attractive to me."

Williams received a J.D., *cum laude*, from Harvard Law School in 1993 and a B.A., *with honors and distinction*, from Stanford University in 1989.

In June, Jon Atzen joined Sheppard Mullin's Corporate practice group in the firm's Los Angeles/Downtown office from DLA Piper in Los Angeles.

Sheppard Mullin's Corporate practice group includes more than 100 attorneys firmwide. The firm has fourteen attorneys based in its Shanghai office.

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